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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LE

SUBJECT: LEBANESE ARMY RESUPPLY

REF: STATE 88647

1. LEBANESE ARMY NOW INFORMS US THAT IFSOAS SOLICITED AMMUNITION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING BELGUIM, YUGOSLAVIV AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. GENERAL GHANEM, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, JUST ADVISED US THAT ONE OF THE COUNTRIES ( PRESUMBABLY CZECHOSLOVAKIA) HAS OFFERED AMMUNITION AT APPROXIMATELY HALF THE PRICE WITH SOME INDICATION THAT A PORTION OF THE COST WOULD BE HANDLED BY A GRANT. DELIVERY TIME WERE FAST. GOL WOULD PRESUMABLY PURCHASE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNLESS WE CAN MAKE MORE COMPETITIVE OFFER.

2. NORMALLY I WOULD SAY LET THEM PURCHASE FROM ANY SOURCE THEY WANT. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE CRISIS, THE LIMITED MEANS WE HAVE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR BEING REASSURED OF OUR SUPPORT, I WOULD RECOMMEND,  
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IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND I REALIZE IT MAY NOT BE, THAT WE  
GIVE THEM THE AMMUNITION GRATIS AND WITHOUT PUBLICITY.  
( COST ESTIMATED \$550,000 DELIVERED ATHENS.) UNFORTUNATELY,  
THE ARMY MUST MAKE A DECISION MAY 11 TH FROM WHERE IT  
WILL PROCURE AMMUNITON. CONSEQUENTLY, COULD I HAVE  
A DECISION ( A) ON WETHER WE CAN OFFER SUCH A GRANT AND  
( B) HOW LONG IT WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE BEFORE THE AMMUNI-  
TION COULD BE DELIVERED ATHENS. REFTEL SPEAKS OF " MATTER  
OF DAYS" BEFORE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT. COULD I HAVE  
SOME REPLY BY COB MAY 10 OR AT LATEST OPENING OF  
BUSINESS HERE MAY 11.

3. APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE GIVEN USDAO 811152 MAY 73.  
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